

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 378

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Head Coach Evan Hacker and the Collierville High School hockey team upon completing an extraordinary season and capturing the Predators Cup Championship Tournament Title.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the Collierville High School hockey team; with exceptional talent and tremendous stamina, the Dragons captured the 2004-2005 Jarvis Trophy, awarded to the regular season champions, and the Memphis Cup, awarded to the Memphis Area High School Playoff Champions; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Evan Hacker, the Collierville Dragons achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004-2005 season, establishing an excellent overall record of twenty-one wins against only one loss and winning the 2004-2005 Predators Cup Championship Title; and

WHEREAS, after outscoring four opponents from Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville thirty-three to nine in the preliminary rounds of the tournament, the Dragons defeated the Knoxville Warriors by a score of ten to one to win the Predators Cup Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, led by the stifling defense of Goalie Adam Fearon who blocked forty-two of the Warrior's forty-three shots, the Dragons exploded on offense; Jack Duncan led the Dragons with five goals and Alex Hacker and A. J. Konrad both scored two goals; Jake Pastorius contributed one goal in the Dragons dominating victory; and

WHEREAS, winning the Predators Cup, the Dragons hockey team became Collierville High School's first athletic team to win a State title; and

WHEREAS, the members of this magnificent hockey team are Spencer Caughlin, Jack Duncan, Adam Fearon, Wagner Gurkin, Alex Hacker, Allyn J. Konrad, Max Laporte, Mitchell McConnell, Tripp McCracken, Sam Moody, Matt Moody, Ryan Moran, Thomas Robert Nelson, Jake Pastorius, Hunter Pate, Evan Stock, Brian Stout, and Stephen Swearingen; and

WHEREAS, Captain Jack Duncan, Alternate Captain Alex Hacker, Allyn J. Konrad, Max Laporte, Mitchell McConnell, Matt Moody, Evan Stock, and Stephen Swearingen were all named 2004-2005 Hockey All-Stars; and

WHEREAS, Jack Duncan was named to the All-Memphis Youth Hockey League team, and Stephen Swearingen was named the Memphis Youth Hockey League (MYHL) Rookie of the Year for the 2004-2005 season; Alex Hacker was the MYHL Top Scorer for 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, Goalie Adam Fearon was named Most Valuable Player of the Predators Cup Championship Game, and Mitchell McConnell was named the Memphis Cup Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Head Coach Evan Hacker, the Collierville Dragons were led by Defensive Coach Jeremy Long and Goalie Coach Doug Bartholomew; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Collierville High School and the University of Memphis, Evan Hacker, at age twenty-one, became the youngest head coach to win a high school ice hockey state championship; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of boys not only made possible a championship hockey season, but also surely points to their successes in future enterprises; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Collierville Dragons upon their successful hockey season and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRENCE, that we hereby honor and recognize Head Coach Evan Hacker and the Collierville High School hockey team upon capturing the Predators Cup State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.